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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

attached please find copies of our recent reviews entitled 'Symbiosis and pathogenesis: evolution of the microbe-host interaction', and 'Common mechanisms of symbiosis and pathogenesis' which appeared in Naturwissenschaften and in same Trends in Microbiology as your recent comment article, respectively. We hope that these papers are of interest to you.

My colleague and I greatly enjoyed the opening lecture you had given at the ASM meeting in Chicago in 1999. We were working on these reviews back then and were delighted to hear your discussion on the impact that microorganisms may have for the evolution of higher organisms.

Should you have any comments or suggestions on our work, we would greatly appreciate your opinion.

With many regards from Germany
Sincerely yours

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